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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed
October 22, 1999, entry of the following amendments and
consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend the claims that follow:

1. (Amended) A composition of matter comprising a
plurality of procarvotic [prokaryotic] cells containing diverse
combinations of first and second DNA sequences encoding first and